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Michael Phillips, Warden
CCA
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Via Fax: 330-746-3318

RE: Breach of Attorney/Client Confidentiality

Dear Warden Phillips:

I am writing to advise you of a serious concern regarding confidentiality in the attorney visitation booths at your facility. Last Friday, March 12, 2021, I was visiting a client and picked up the phone in booth number 4 to begin my client visit. In the phone, I could hear a completely different inmate very clearly discussing his case. At that time, there was only one other attorney present, one Joseph Pagano, who was using booth number 8. Upon checking with Mr. Pagano, he verified that the conversation I heard was that of his client as I was able to repeat what I heard.

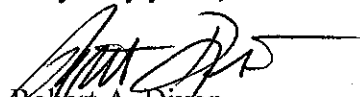
Following this, I switched to booth number 3 and at that point I could not hear his client speaking. I did report this to the CO that was filling in for Mr. Kordic that day.

I am coping in the U.S. Marshall on this letter, as it obviously of great concern to both attorney and client that our communications are confidential.

I hope and trust that you will look into this incident so that we can have some assurance that our conversations are truly confidential.

Thank you for your time and please contact me should you require any further information.

Very truly yours,


Robert A. Dixon
RAD/jmk

cc: Peter J. Elliott, U.S. Marshall, via fax: 216-522-2183